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## SENATE BILL 380: Adjust Landfill Permit Fee Timing

**Committee:** Senate Finance  
**Introduced by:** Sen. Jackson

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**SUMMARY:** *Senate Bill 380<sup>1</sup> would make adjustments to the fee schedule for permits for sanitary landfills, transfer stations, and tire monofill facilities to reflect extension of the duration of these permits as directed by legislation enacted in 2012. The legislation was a recommendation of the Environmental Review Commission.*

### CURRENT LAW and BACKGROUND:

Prior to legislation enacted in 2012, the duration of permits for sanitary landfills and transfer stations was five years. S.L. 2012-187 directed the Commission for Public Health to adopt rules to allow applicants for permits for sanitary landfills and transfer stations the option to apply for a permit to construct (and operate) a facility for a period of ten years, with a limited review of the permit five years after issuance. In addition, the legislation directed the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Department) to examine the fee schedule for permits for sanitary landfills and transfer stations and to formulate recommendations for adjustments to the applicable fees that would be sufficient to address any additional demands associated with review of permits issued for a longer period of time. The legislation further provided that the rule changes to allow permits of extended duration would not become effective until the fee schedule was amended to address any additional demands associated with review of permits issued for longer periods of time. The Department reported its findings and recommendations, including a legislative proposal, to the Environmental Review Commission (ERC) in December 2012. Senate Bill 380 embodies the Department's legislative proposal concerning needed fee adjustments, and was a recommendation of the ERC.

### BILL ANALYSIS:

In conformance with the legislation enacted in 2012 that extended the duration of permits for sanitary landfills and transfer stations to ten years, the bill would add language to the statutes specifying that permits for sanitary landfills and transfer stations may be issued for a design and operation phase of 10 years, with a limited review five years after the date of issuance. In addition, the bill would make changes to the fee schedule under the General Statutes for sanitary landfills and transfer stations, based on the directive for an extended duration.

### EFFECTIVE DATE:

The bill would be effective when it became law and apply to permit applications submitted on or after July 1, 2013.

<sup>1</sup> The House companion bill, House Bill 135, 2nd edition, is in the Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee.

